



The Honourable Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission

The Honorable Joe Biden
President of the United States of America

The Honourable Valdis Dombrovskis
Executive Vice-President and Trade Commissioner

The Honorable Catherine Tai
United States Trade Commission

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Object: The European and American aluminium industries have united in urging policymakers to continue negotiations aimed at achieving the crucial Global Arrangement on Sustainable Steel and Aluminium.

President von der Leyen, President Biden, Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis, and Ambassador Tai, European Aluminium and the Aluminum Association, the associations representing the aluminium industry in Europe and the United States, express their concern over the absence of an agreement on the Global Arrangement on Sustainable Aluminium (Global Arrangement) and encourage policymakers from both sides of the Atlantic to persist in their collaborative efforts. It is imperative to continue negotiations to effectively address the shared challenges targeted by the Global Arrangement, such as tackling non-market excess capacity (NMEC) and raising global climate ambitions.

Specifically, we believe that the Global Arrangement could be pivotal in fighting NMEC by assertively implementing both existing and new Trade Defence Instruments, alongside complementary tools such as tariffs. The Global Arrangement could also provide a platform to engage several countries in the joint challenge of decarbonising their economies, which can only be effectively addressed through global collaboration. For these reasons, we aspire to achieve a common platform that is inclusive and attractive to several third partners, i.e., Canada and European Free Trade Association countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) among others.

Furthermore, if rightly implemented, the Global Arrangement would be instrumental in balancing the playing field with regards to trade measures (e.g., US Section 232 Tariffs) between the EU and the US, as a natural consequence of joining a common club.

With this in mind, we call on policymakers to remain committed in pursuing the Global Arrangement. Despite divergences, we strongly believe that a common ground can be found in several aspects, such as identifying NMEC countries, Product Carbon Requirements (PCRs), Greenhouse Gas (GHG) intensity standards, including alignment on the gradual product and emissions scope proposed by the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Measure (CBAM).

As historical allies, reaching a deal on the Global Arrangement represents a significant chance to implement and demonstrate solid cooperation amidst escalating global tensions and trade disputes. Therefore, our associations are eager to collaborate with you to ensure we do not miss this opportunity.

We hope this will be beneficial for the future of negotiations and look forward to further working with you on this crucial matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Charles Johnson
President and CEO of the Aluminum Association

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